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ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 6, 1986

- I. The meeting of October 6, 1986 was called to order by Richard Williams, Vice-President of the University Faculty, at 3:10 p.m. in the cafeteria extension of the University Center.

Present: J. Abidi, C. Altick, J. Ballantine, D. Beelick, J. Brandeberry, D. Carlson, L. Crum, J. Daily, C. Denman, P. Engle, W. Goulet, M. Hall, N. Hassan, C. Hathaway, R. Iddings, M. Kapp, J. Klinger, L. Kurdek, J. Lancaster, D. Leach, B. Mann, J. Martin, K. McNamara, V. O'Brien, R.A. Pendergrass, M. Perkel, S. Praeger, M. Sammons, J. Sayer, L. Shupe, D. Utrecht, R. Williams

Absent: D. Bertke, P. Mulhollan, M. Pryor, J. Runkle

- II. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the June 2, 1986 minutes with the following additions/changes:

Page three: C.2: The General Education Review Committee...

Page five: F: excluding Deans, with knowledge of ~~who know about~~ the area in which the...

Page six: C: A motion was made and seconded ~~and approved~~ ~~by a vote of~~ to accept the report of the Full-time Nontenure Track Policy.

- III. Report of the President, Charles Hathaway reporting:

A. Enrollment. Wright State University continues to grow--as reflected in the fall enrollment of 16,209 on the main campus and 799 on the lake campus.

B. Planning Process. In following the order of the Board of Trustees that a strategic plan for the development of the university be initiated, two task forces were appointed in August, 1986:

1. External Task Force -- to look at and determine what is the environment in which the university exists; what will be the pressures that are brought to bear on the university by that environment; what will be the opportunities for the university?

2. Internal Task Force -- to make an assessment in terms of where the university is at this point in time; what has it achieved; where are the strengths and weaknesses; where is its potential; where are its problems?

The reports from the task forces have been reviewed by the President and the Vice Presidents and enough information was received in order to begin the planning process.

- C. Missions Statement. The first draft of the missions statement was presented and reviewed in April, 1986 by the trustees. The internal/external reports will ascertain whether or not the mission statement objective is viable. They will be sent to the Planning Council which has been reinstated, but eventually the process must be completed at all levels of the university. Detailed instructions should be received by the faculty early in November to begin planning at the departmental level.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Richard Williams reporting:

The committee met once this quarter to approve the agenda for today's meeting, to approve a variety of appointments that were held over from last year, and to discuss with Dr. Hathaway issues that will surface over the course of the year.

V. Report of the Standing Committees

A. Curriculum, Robert Wagley reporting:

The Curriculum Committee has reviewed 1 new major, 3 new minors, 39 new courses, 208 course modifications, 34 course deletions; placed 4 courses in the inactive file; and discussed the new academic rules and regulations, the unmet 4th hour, and class scheduling. Under new business today there are 7 items to be introduced.

B. Faculty Affairs, Gregory Bernhardt reporting:

1. Meeting dates have been established for the academic year.
2. A report was received from the 1985/86 committee chair listing issues passed on to this year's committee for consideration:
 - a. Possible review of the constituencies on the Academic Council.
 - b. Procedures for the selection of faculty for university awards, i.e., the Trustee's Award.
 - c. Emeritus and distinguished professors' status.
3. The committee is in the process of preparing the agenda for the 1986/87 year and expects to be receiving items from the faculty-at-large and the Steering Committee.
4. Currently, there is one active joint subcommittee of the Faculty Affairs Committee and the University Budget Review Committee chaired by Richard Williams. Charles Hathaway's June 9 memorandum to the faculty suspending the present early retirement plan indicated that recommendations would be made early in the fall. Many faculty members have expressed concern that this be resolved in a timely fashion. The

subcommittee is in the process of reviewing options and collecting data; recommendations will be made later this fall. Faculty with suggestions/concerns are encouraged to contact the chair of this subcommittee.

5. Under old business today the proposal for a new full-time nontenure track position of lecturer will be addressed. The proposal was sent to members of the Academic Council on August 15, 1986.

C. Library, Adrian Rake reporting:

Mr. Rake submitted a written report, see Attachment A.

D. Student Affairs. No report.

E. University Budget Review Committee, Richard Williams reporting:

The University Budget Review Committee met once to prepare an agenda for the coming year. Later in the fall the committee will begin examining the budget.

VI. Old Business

Full-time Nontenure Track Proposal
(Attachment B)

Mr. Williams pointed out that this is a proposal rather than a policy statement, so the council is being asked to approve the idea of the position of lecturer; a policy would have to be written upon approval of this idea of a lectureship.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposal of the Faculty Affairs Committee on the Full-time Nontenure Track position.

Discussion: Corrections to the document were made on page 8, table I, column 4 for S&E: 476.1 changed to 519.6, and column 4, TOTAL: 519.6 changed to 471.0.

Charles Hathaway noted that this proposal is not an implementation document and he has some concern about it. Discussion ensued.

Following a lengthy discussion, the motion was withdrawn and a substitute motion was presented:

A motion was made and seconded to recommit the Full-time Nontenure Track Proposal to the Faculty Affairs Committee for further study and consultation/feedback to the Academic Council.

Motion passed.

VII. New Business

A. Motions were made and seconded to approve the following Curriculum Committee's recommendations:

1. New major in management information systems (Attachment C).
2. New minor in anthropology (Attachment D).
3. New minor in history (Attachment E).
4. New minor in political science (Attachment F).
5. New courses in geological sciences approved for P/U grading.
6. (New course) MTH 228 be used as a substitute for MTH 105 (General Education).
7. Approval of the new academic standards (Attachment G).

These will appear as old business at the November meeting.

B. A motion was made, seconded and approved to suspend the rules for consideration of items B-E that follows:

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the following Academic Council appointments:

1. Parliamentarian -- William Rickert
2. Sergeant at Arms -- James Sayer
3. Representative to Athletic Council -- Charles Hartmann

C. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the following:

1. Chair, Student Affairs Committee -- Alan Cooper
2. Chair, Commencement Committee -- James Sayer

D. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the Planning Council members and length of terms (Attachment H).

E. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the student membership on university committees (Attachment H).

VIII. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The next Academic Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 3, 1986.

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Attachments